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Recycling conserves natural resources, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, protects the environment, and keeps our communities clean and beautiful. We have made major strides in reducing waste and the County of Los Angeles is now recycling more than half of the waste we generate. Nevertheless, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, nearly 28,000 tons of trash are still being sent to landfills each day. We need to do more.

It is important for the County of Los Angeles to encourage its citizens to become stewards of the environment by actively participating in reducing waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled-content products. Recycling creates opportunities for turning certain waste materials, such as glass, metals, and plastics, into useful products. Other salvageable materials include electronic waste, which can be conveniently dropped off for free at the County's household hazardous waste collection events and permanent centers.

Keep America Beautiful sponsored the 15th annual America Recycles Day on November 15, 2012, to promote recycling nationwide. This is a great opportunity for the County to continue to help raise environmental awareness by encouraging businesses, residents, and County employees to commit to make recycling part of their everyday lives.

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support Keep America Beautiful in its efforts to promote recycling and encourage residents and businesses throughout the County of Los Angeles to adopt a sustainable lifestyle;
2. From November 20 through December 7, 2012, invite all residents, businesses, and County employees to join in this effort by donating their beverage container recyclables and taking them to select Public Works and Library facilities, to help raise funds for Toys for Tots; and
3. Encourage residents and businesses to visit the CLEANLA.com website to take the CleanLA Pledge and commit to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink their waste.

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